Home Video Producer
Release Notes
for Commodore 64/128 Computers

This card contains additional information about your **Home Video Producer** software.

1. For faster disk performance, use a disk speedup utility such as the Epyx Fast Load cartridge (available at most software stores).

2. You can use a total of 16 colors on the screen as a whole. However, Commodore color graphics can support only four colors in any 4 x 8 pixel area. If more than four colors occur in the same screen area, "patching" results, in which blocks of solid color intrude into a graphic image.

   Home Video Producer is designed to minimize patching wherever possible. One caution, though: most of its graphics are intended for use against a black background. If you use the Set Color option from the Frame Tools menu to change the background color (see page 30 in the **Home Video Producer** manual), a graphic in the same frame may show patching. To avoid this, try to place graphics on a black background. However, don't be afraid to experiment!

3. When using certain backdrops (such as BABYBKGR and BIRTHDAY), the background color of your strip will be something other than black. All frames in the strip will have the same background color unless you change it. For example, in BABYBKGR the background color is white. If you then set blue text on the default black background in a following frame, the background will actually be white in your finished strip.

4. When you change a frame's background color, the new color is shown in a square at the right edge of the frame.

5. Fonts used in **Home Video Producer** are proportional fonts. This means that each character has a different width, depending on its shape. For example, the letter I is thinner than the letter M, and a line of 20 I's will be shorter than a line of 20 M's.

   The templates are designed so that an entry of average length will fit. But it's possible that when you play a template, your entry will not fully appear (for example, you may have used too many M's). If this happens, edit your entry to make it shorter.

6. When you use a template, a customized template strip is created. For example, using the template XMAS creates a strip on disk called XMAS.S. You can then load the customized strip with the Load Strip option from the Strip Tools menu and further customize it with **Home Video Producer** features.

   To avoid damaging the original template strips, save your customized strips with the Save Strip As option, entering a filename with an extension other than .S. Save your strips to a blank, formatted data disk to avoid overcrowding your **Home Video Producer** disk.

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HomeVideo PRODUCER™

PROGRAM DISK

for the Commodore 64®/128™

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